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By: **Senators Klausmeier and Hollinger**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Pharmacies - Electronic Reimbursement by the Department of**
3 **Health and Mental Hygiene**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain pharmacies to receive a certain
5 reimbursement electronically from the Department of Health and Mental
6 Hygiene under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; providing for a
7 delayed effective date; and generally relating to the electronic claim
8 reimbursement of pharmacies by the Department of Health and Mental
9 Hygiene.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Health - General
12 Section 15-101(i) and 15-105(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Health - General
17 Section 15-105.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Health - General

2 15-101.

3 (i) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

4 15-105.

5 (a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations for the reimbursement
6 of providers under the Program. However, except for an invoice that must be
7 submitted to a Medicare intermediary or Medicare carrier for an individual who may
8 have both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, payment may not be made for an invoice
9 that is received more than 1 year after the dates of the services given.

10 15-105.1.

11 IF A PHARMACY IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT
12 ELECTRONICALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 15-105(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THEN
13 THE PHARMACY MAY CHOOSE TO BE REIMBURSED ELECTRONICALLY, AND IN THAT
14 EVENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE THE PHARMACY ELECTRONICALLY
15 UNDER THE PROGRAM.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, ~~2003~~ 2004.